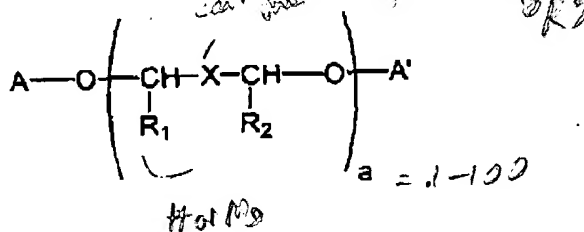


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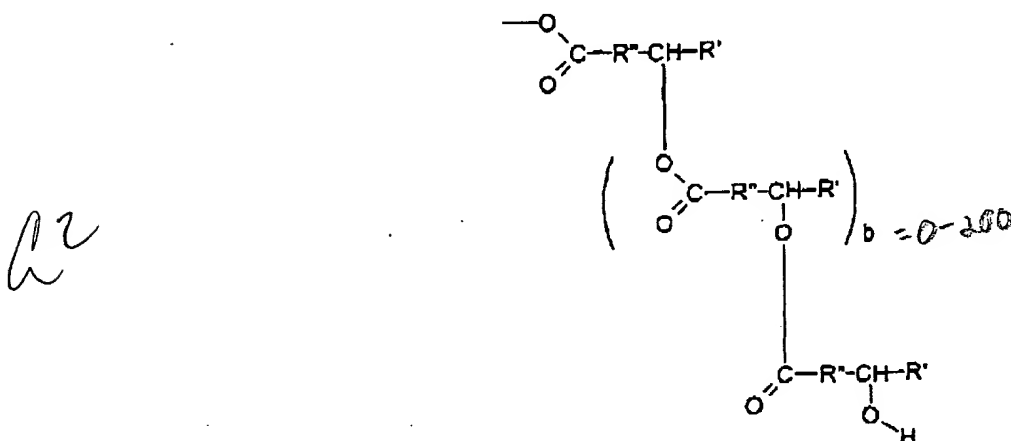
--5. A water-in-oil (W/O) emulsion having a viscosity of at most 5000 mPa·s, said W/O emulsion comprising:

- a) an aqueous phase comprising a content of water and water-soluble substances totaling at least 75% by weight, based on a total weight of the emulsion;
- b) an oil phase comprising a content of lipids, emulsifiers and lipophilic constituents totaling at least 15% by weight, based on a total weight of the emulsion, wherein the oil phase comprises at least 75% by weight, based on the weight of the oil phase, of one or more substances selected from the group consisting of:
- i) non-polar lipids which are liquid at room temperature and have a polarity of greater than 30 mN/m; and
- ii) silicones of any polarity;
- c) at least one interface-active substance selected from the group consisting of substances of the formula (I):



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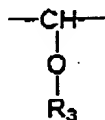
where A and A' are identical or different organic radicals selected from the group consisting of branched and unbranched, saturated and unsaturated alkyl and acyl radicals and hydroxyacyl radicals having 10-30 carbon atoms, and also from the group consisting of hydroxyacyl groups connected to one another via ester functions in accordance with the following scheme:



where R' is selected from the group consisting of branched and unbranched alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms and R'' is selected from the group consisting of branched and unbranched alkylene groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and b is a number from 0 to 200;

a is a number from 1 to 100;

X is a single bond or the group:



R₁ and R₂ independently represent H or methyl; and

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R_3 is selected from the group consisting of H and branched and unbranched, saturated and unsaturated alkyl and acyl radicals having 1 to 20 carbon atoms.--

--6. The W/O emulsion according to claim 5, wherein a is a number from 2 to 60.--

--7. The W/O emulsion according to claim 6, wherein a is a number from 5 to 40.--

--8. The W/O emulsion according to claim 5, wherein the content of water and water soluble substances is greater than 80% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsion.--

--9. The W/O emulsion according to claim 8, wherein the content of water and water soluble substances is greater than 85% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsion.--

--10. The W/O emulsion according to claim 5, wherein the interface-active substance is polyethylene glycol-30-dipolyhydroxystearate.--

--11. The W/O emulsion according to claim 5, wherein the oil phase comprises at least 50% by weight, based on the total weight of the oil phase, of at least one substance selected from the group consisting of Vaseline (petrolatum), paraffin oil and polyolefins.--

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--12. The W/O emulsion according to claim 11, wherein the oil phase comprises more than 75% by weight, based on the total weight of the oil phase, of at least one substance selected from the group consisting of Vaseline (petrolatum), paraffin oil and polyolefins.--

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--13. The W/O emulsion according to claim 11, wherein the oil phase comprises one or more polydecenes.--

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--14. A method of caring for skin or hair comprising topically applying thereto an effective amount therefor of the W/O emulsion according to any one of claims 5-13.--

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.